

**Rolling Thunder Maryland Chapter 1
General Membership Meeting**

1. **Call to Order:** 7:37 p.m.
 - a. Quorum: Yes
 - b. Number of Attendees: 28
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Moment of Silence and Remembrance**
4. **Mission Statement:** Read by Melvin Russell
5. **Roll Call of Officers:** Joe Bearns, Melvin Russell, Dan Wilson, & Sue Bearns.
David Lutzow was absent.
Board members present: Dave Kochubka, Leo Contreras, & Murray Hall
6. **Introduction of Guests/First time Attendees:**
 - a. Mel introduced Bruce and Shelley Wallace
7. **Previous Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Discussion: Dan Wilson asked that the minutes be corrected to show that he did not receive the two ### donations from Mike Porsche and Dave Kochubka to purchase door prizes for the chapter poker run held in August. Secretary Sue Bearns committed to making the correction to the previous minutes to show that the money was received by Murray Hall and was used to purchase HDW gift certificates which were given away as door prizes during the poker run.
 - b. Approval: Upon agreement to correct the minutes as mentioned, a motion was made to accept the minutes by Mel Russell, Robin responded with a first and the motion was seconded by Debbie Devine. The membership unanimously accepted the minutes.
8. **Old Business and Reports:**
 - a. President Dave Lutzow was absent. Vice President Mel Russell directed the meeting in his stead. He gave Robin the floor to speak about the Gathering of Eagles demonstration in D.C. on Saturday. More information was requested by chapter members about time, place, and whether or not chapter members would get credit for attending. Robin did not have the information but stated that members would get credit for attending. Secretary Sue Bearns committed to checking the chapter email for any informational emails sent to the chapter about this event. She also promised to send any information she found in an email to all chapter members this same evening. The defacement of the Wall over last weekend was discussed briefly.
 - b. Treasurer: Dan Wilson gave a full accounting of all chapter expenditures and deposits, stated that the poker run was very successful, and announced the balance of our treasury

after all expenses -- ###. He also stated that we have not yet received a check from the Ice Cream Factory and Café. Sue Bearns added that a check would be forthcoming from the Café in the amount of ###.

c. Chairman of the Board: Joe Bearns told everyone that Rusty Farst is in town, Rolling Thunder photographer, and would like to take photographs of chapter members for his documentary. For anyone interested, meet at the Wall around 9:00 a.m. Joe has Rusty's contact information.

Joe reminded chapter members to meet at the Harry Nice Bridge on Saturday at 5:00 a.m. sharp for the Bedford VA run. He stated that there is a ### fee for registration with proceeds to benefit POW/MIA issues. There is a sign-up sheet at the meeting.

Joe also reminded the chapter that our Veteran's Choice Bike Show at the Veterans' Home in Charlotte Hall is on September 22nd. Any members owning motorcycles please bring them out to Charlotte Hall for the show.

September 29th is the next USO stuffing party. Any questions should be directed to Dave Lutzow about this event. Prior sign-up is necessary and may already be closed.

9. **New Business:**

a. Debbie Devine displayed the colored beads on leather strips that she has been making. She showed the different color combinations representing American flag colors, Vietnam War conflict colors, white and purple for Purple Heart, etc. for our chapter to potentially sell during the Rolling Thunder Memorial Day weekend. Although she is donating her time and the supplies, she asked for help and input from the chapter. She also asked about purchasing other items that could be sold to raise money for our chapter.

b. Joe stated that he has information on getting chapter pins

c. Robin stated that she has information about a possible business to make our chapter t-shirts. Murray also has a name of a potential business for t-shirts, and suggested that we proceed with deciding about a design.

d. Sue Bearns recapped the funeral held at Arlington Cemetery on August 14th for the five servicemen returned from Laos killed in action in 1968.

e. A get well card was passed around the room for signatures and wishes for "Moo," chapter member John Mumaw, who recently suffered a stroke.

f. Doug announced that his Church, Shiloh United Methodist, is having a "Bike Rally" (poker run) on October 6, 2007.

10. **Comments for Good of the Chapter:**

a. Robin recapped the "Freedom Walk" on Sunday September 9th.

b. Sue provided additional information about the Veterans' Choice Bike Show scheduled for September 22nd, encouraging those planning to attend the concurrently scheduled Open House at All-American Harley-Davidson to register their bikes at Charlotte Hall first, leave with their bikes for the Open House, then return to Charlotte Hall in time for the judging.

11. **Adjournment:** Murray Hall first, seconded by Dan Wilson. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting is **Thursday October 11, 2007, 7:30 p.m., Mexico Restaurant, Waldorf, MD.**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Bearns

Secretary, Rolling Thunder Maryland Chapter One

